

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

For a pistol having a hollow pistol grip (2) in which a magazine (3) for rounds which is insertable from below is held, a magazine catch is ~~to be~~ provided which is releasable from either side, offers a maximum of safety, is user friendly and has a ~~minimum of relatively few parts~~. The magazine (3) has a lug (12) on its front wall; in the front part of the pistol grip (3) a sliding block (8) is arranged so as to be displaceable in transverse direction, which is held in its middle position by at least one spring (9, 10), in which position the lug (12) rests on the sliding block (8). The sliding block (8) has a vertical groove (21, 22) on either side of the lug (12), which can be brought into the path of movement of the lug (12) during insertion of the magazine (3) by displacement of the sliding block (8) in either one of the two directions.